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Commission's Secretary  
Office of the Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission

To Whom It May Concern,

We would like to encourage the FCC to increase funding for the E-Rate program. The demand for technology across all socio economic levels has far exceeded the supply, monetarily and otherwise. We must have the funding and resources to prepare our students to compete in a global economy where information abounds through connectivity. The students of Dothan City Schools need anywhere anytime access to learning with funding for software and subscriptions that challenge they're thinking skills and excite them about learning.

In addition to the funding request we would also like to encourage the FCC to simplify the paperwork burden on the participating schools and libraries. Less paperwork with more online forms to streamline the process would increase the chances of funding more student connectivity.

Adequate connectivity comes at a price that many students, as well as school districts, can't afford. We would like to request that the E-Rate program be extended for connecting students from home to be able to access said resources after hours.

These requests would enhance a good program and go to great lengths to bring it up to date.

Respectfully,



Tim Wilder, Superintendent



Mark Williams, Technology Coordinator